## Statement placed on the Table.

**President.**—The next item is placing of a Statement by the Finance Member of expenditure incurred under section 16 (9) of the Council Regulation.

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—Sir, Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

| Item | Amount | Remarks |
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| **15. LAW AND JUSTICE.**<br>**A. Law Department**<br>Fees to Vakils in Sirkar cases. | Rs. 250 | The provision of Rs. 100 in the budget estimate of 1104 was soon found quite insufficient to meet the actual requirements and an additional allotment of Rs. 250 had to be sanctioned urgently for immediate payments. |
| **23. SANITATION AND CONSERVANCY**<br>**B Rural Sanitation**<br>Charges for the prevention of epidemics. | Rs. 2,000 | The additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 sanctioned during the beginning of the year towards the anti-plague campaign was soon found inadequate to meet the payments and another additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 had to be sanctioned immediately for the purpose. |
| **CRANGANUR.**<br>**1. Land Revenue.**<br>(n) Miscellaneous | Rs. 925 | An expenditure of Rs.925 nearly had to be incurred urgently for payment of resurvey demarcation charges of the Cranganur Estate in Ponnani Taluk covering nearly an extent of 1,122·59acres of land. Only the usual provision (Rs. 210) was made in the budget and this would be required for the normal expenditure. Hence, the additional allotment of Rs. 925 had to be sanctioned urgently. |

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—I rise to a point of order. At the last meeting a similar Statement was placed, and we requested the Government that, in such emergent cases, the Standing Finance Committee at least may be consulted before the State-

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ments are put here. And there was, I don't say an undertaking, but there was an observation from the Chair stating that this should be done, and we find again that these three Statements are put here now without that procedure being adopted. It cannot be but intentional and we request to bring that matter once again to your notice and to say that promises made in public are not heeded at all.

**President.**—Are there cases here in which the Standing Finance Committee is not consulted?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—In emergent cases, it is not possible to call a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee. Wherever it is possible, we do.

**President.**—What is the emergency here?

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—In electing the Members of the Standing Finance Committee, we took care to have those Members who reside in Ernakulam.

**President.**—I know all these things. Is it about plague?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—No. 2 is about that. A sum of Rs. 250 was sanctioned for conducting a case at Trichur. It had to be urgently given. Payment could not be put off.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—There are Vakils who are not paid for two years.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—He was specially made the public prosecutor for this case. That was one case.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—The point is being missed. If it was so very emergent, you could have called an emergent meeting of the Standing Finance Committee and brought it to the House. We urged that no Statement should be placed in the House without at least the Finance Committee being consulted and it was made a note of last time.

**President.**—Whether a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee could be called for the purpose of sanctioning this item, that is the question. It is Vakil's fee and I sanctioned that under section 16 (9).

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—In three days' time the Vakil may be paid by the Standing Finance Committee. Is three days' delay a great delay, Sir?

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—There is another point. For that simple matter, the Diwan has to be present, the Members have to be present, all the officers have to be present. For that hundred rupees!

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—This time it might be hundred. Sometimes it may be thousand.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—About plague matter. This Rs. 2,000 is not spent for one day unless it be a big bill of one firm. These

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matters must come before us. Otherwise what is the use of our standing?

**President.**—There is no wilful intention to evade the undertaking. We consider the merits of each case and see whether we could certify the expenditure under 16 (9) or put it for additional allotment calling for the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—We don't stand in the way of certifying. By all means certify.

**President.**—Whether it is a case to be brought under 16 (9) or 16 (8).

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Deal with it under 16 (9) so that we need not discuss the matter. What we say is, let the Government have the advantage of so many things before the Government itself passes the certificate.

**President.**—We do it wherever possible, wherever the expenditure can be conveniently delayed.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—You are, as an official, the Diwan, and, as a non-official, the President, standing between the two. You may be pulled one way by the officials and we want to pull you the other side. That pull is not given to this side.

**President.**—Am I to pull with you?

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—You are being pulled by the Heads of Departments. For Rs. 2,000 the Medical Officer may be pulling you.

**President.**—I have enough strength to see that I am not pulled. As the expenditure appeared to be of an urgent nature, I sanctioned and put it under 16 (9), not that the undertaking was forgotten.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—In all these cases it was like that. There is no motive on the part of the Government that this should not be placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—We have no intention to scrutinise the expenditure.

**President.**— The small item of Vakil's fee and the other plague expenditure have been met urgently. I don't think there was any endeavour on our part to see that it is not placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—What I submit is under section 16 (9) no Statement has come to the Finance Committee so far. In not a single case it has gone. The Proceedings must show what you undertook last time. The Proceedings will show and every Member here knows it.

**President.**—What was pointed out, to the best of my memory, was that, where there was sufficient time, we would

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consult the Members of the Standing Finance Committee, and would not resort to this expenditure under 16 (9) as far as possible. That was what we said. So these three items were considered in that light, and it was decided that they need not be placed before the Standing Finance Committee. The expenditure, being emergent, was passed. That was our view. One is Vakil's fee and the other is for plague expenses.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—The third need not come to the Council. We have to pay revenue survey charges to the British Government. That is an expenditure obligatory in law.

**President.**—Wherever there is time we will consult you.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Why should these things come to the Council at all? Why should it be placed before the House? Understand the spirit of the rule. The spirit of the rule is to allow the training of the non-official minds and to associate them more and more with the Government as to the urgency and so on. Suppose it is consulted and it is certified as urgent. It strengthens the position of the Government. It gives them an insight into the emergent nature of the Government expenditure. We can shoulder responsibility better. You don't give even chances.

**President.**—How many days will it require?

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Three days. Notice can be circulated in a day. Three days' previous notice should be given.

**President.**—In cases where we can wait the sanction of the expenditure for three or four days, can you not do it?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—We can, when the expenditure can stand for over a week.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—May I know, in this particular matter, how many days after the report was submitted was the expenditure sanctioned? I would like to know that.

**President.**—These are all treated as urgent. They put on the file 'immediate'. They are the papers taken first and disposed of.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—We have to get the sanction of His Highness. That will take two or three days.

**President.**—Could you not consult these Members also by that time?

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—It will take one week to go to the Palace.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—If, at all, it is to be done, it must be done before His Highness' sanction is obtained.

**President.**—Rules are not definite.

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**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—Whether there was any wilful intention on the part of the Government, that is the point. The House will not find it.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Only in criminal cases are intentions necessary.

**President.**—That is how things are done.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—There are three items. The House must also see to the necessity for these.

**Mr. A. B. Salem.**—We can see it is three.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—I never knew, Sir, that he wanted information on that point.

**President.**—Mr. Salem, I shall see about the matter. The next item is supplementary grants.'

## Supplementary Grants.

### 1. XIII—Huzur—Temporary Establishment—Rs. 1,750.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,750 under 'XIII. Huzur—Temporary Establishment'. This demand has been necessitated because no provision was made in the budget estimate for 1104 for the temporary establishment consisting of the Special Officer and the typist-clerk engaged with the report of the Special Finance Committee, as there was no sanction at the time the budget was framed to continue the establishment beyond 1103. I have to say something in explanation for the continuance of the establishment because the non-official Members of the Standing Finance Committee opposed this demand. Copy of the report of the Committee was received by the Government on 23rd Kumbham 1103. This was without all supplementary and dissenting minutes. In its present complete form it reached Government on 6th Medam 1103. The report was an important document which dealt with the whole establishment in the State Service, dealing with its financial position and suggesting a recurring annual additional expenditure of about 2¼ lakhs of rupees on establishment alone and making more than 200 recommendations for the consideration of Government in connection with establishment, travelling allowance, contingent charges, special charges and other items of State expenditure covered by the whole budget. The various recommendations had to be examined in detail to enable Government to pass orders. It had to be considered how the recommendations varied from the existing system, and from the proposals of Heads of Departments. The establishment lists had to be checked and mistakes if any rectified and omissions supplied. During the period that the Committee was sitting and preparing its report, changes might have taken place, and these had to be embodied. The work was

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